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Senior Destinations
After four years at LHS, members of the Class of 2019 are starting new journeys. See where they are headed!
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Brianna Edwards will attend the United States Air Force Academy.
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We're Done!

Jeffrey Gu
Columnist

Well. That's a wrap.

We're free! No more classes, no more homework, no more checking Aspen, no more attendance appeals forms, no more waking up at the crack of dawn to make it to school at 7:45 a.m. Four long years walking these halls, and now all we have to do is graduate.

We've really come a long way. The first time we entered the main hallway in August of 2015, we were small, awkward freshmen, just out of middle school and with no idea what we were doing. The FRP? Ahhhh!

But we've changed so much since then. When we walk across the stage next week, we'll be adults, hopefully less cringey than we were as freshmen, ready to go out into the world and pursue our passions.

As we prepare to leave, there's also a lot of room to reflect on our time here. No matter how you feel about your Lexington High School experience, whether you absolutely loved it or hated every moment, there's something that you learned from being here, either in your classes or about yourself, that you can take with you moving forward.

In just a few months we'll be heading off to college, meeting new people and seeing new places, with more freedom to choose which classes we're taking and how to spend our time. We'll each be going in our own individual directions, perhaps with a friend or two from LHS, or maybe all by ourselves.

So before you leave, before we all fall back into the same old rhythm of homework and studying and essays, enjoy the coming months. Watch Endgame, or rewatch it, because it's really good. Spend time with your friends before you all part ways. Whatever you do, have fun with it - you're free.

"Be present. Put away your phone. Look at the person sitting across from you. Everyone likes to talk about themselves, but distinguish yourself by being genuinely curious about others. Ask thoughtful questions; listen closely. See what you can learn from each person and interaction."
- Christen Walters

"Major in what you love but get practical experience elsewhere."
- Katherine Manning

"Do that which you believe will do the most good. It is that which will bring you the most satisfaction as well."
- Dr. Matthew Gardner

"Don't get locked into an idea of what you'll do in the future and follow a set path, instead of constantly reevaluating what you're interested in, where you'd like to be, and what you're passionate about now. Certainly use your goals as guideposts, but they shouldn't lock you onto a path for the next ten years. Also, don't let your desire for good grades dictate the courses you take in college."
- Bryce Spalding

"When you get to college, or anything else that you're doing after high school, try to find the joy in the activities that you're performing, not just the joy in the end results."
- Sheryl Kaczmarek

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Plans at a Glance

College	96%
Gap Year	2%
Military	1%
Other	1%
Massachusetts	31%
New England	48%
Outside US	3%

CLASS OF 2019 SENIOR DESTINATIONS

Natalia Abbate	Swarthmore College
Grace Abe	Tufts University
Karl Abramson	Rice University
Brady Adams	UMass Amherst
Reina Ades	University of Michigan
Kat Aguiar	Marlboro College
Myesha Akmal	
Anthony Albino	Gwinnett Technical College
Samar Aldahan	UMass Amherst
Laurine Aldairy	McGill University
Eden Alemayehu	UMass Boston
Adri Ali Hassan	Framingham State University
Samantha Altschuler	Northeastern University
Yuval Amitay	Israeli Defense Force
Kripa Anand	UMass Amherst
David Arena	Northeastern University
Abigail Arliss	Syracuse University
Luca Arshad	University of St. Andrews
Soumya Atnoor	UMass Amherst
Jazin Ayala	
Ali Aydemir	Gap year
Jonny Bachman	Grinnell College
Jinwoo Baik	UCLA
Beatrice Barbesino	College of the Holy Cross
William Baron	Occidental College
Surita Basu	Case Western Reserve University
Gabriela Batista-Vieira	Southern New Hampshire University
Carlos Beinbrech	
Elias Benghiat	Tufts University
Anna Benson	Gettysburg College
Jack Berkes	
James Berliner	UMass Lowell
Devanshi Bhangle	McGill University
Anthony Bianchi	Undecided
Charlie Birnberg	Washington University in St. Louis
Talia Blatt	Harvard University
Jillian Bodemer	St. Jones University
Patrick Bodrog	UMass Amherst
Heather Born	U.S. Naval Academy
Jonah Boruta	University of Vermont
Tommy Bouksdorf	Israel Defense Force
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Felice Brennan	University of Vermont
Carly Briggs	MIT
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Sinan Bruce	Boston University
Kate Bruno	Hamilton College
Ronan Bryant	Worcester Academy
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Emily Chen	Wesleyan University
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Robert Chen	MIT
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Luke Choi	New York University
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Aiden Christensen	UMass Lowell
Jaeho Chung	UMass Amherst
Ainsley Clark	University of California, San Diego
Anna Clough	College of Charleston
Shelby Coe	Johns Hopkins University
Alexander Cohen	Clarkson University
Sebastian Colon-Flores	Puerto Rico Conservatory
Caitlin Conners	Emerson College
Gregory Conrad	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Ian Conrad	Undecided
Isa Coonen	Saxion University
Ava Courduvelis	
Samuel Crampton	Syracuse University
Anna Craver	Northwestern University
Eva Crimmins	Endicott College
Andrew Croke	Sacred Heart University
Kase Cronin	Kenyon College
Adam Cser	University of Edinburgh
Laura Cunha	Suffolk University
Nicolas Daglio Fine	Tufts-New England Conservatory
Mazdak Darvari	Undecided
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Alice Davidson	Simmons University
Luke Davis	University of Vermont
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The Musket is proud to present Senior Destinations, our annual compilation of the various plans for the graduating Class of 2019. This information has been compiled to the best of The

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Elliott Lee	UMass Lowell
Ginu Lee	UMass Amherst
Janna Lee	UMass Amherst
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Becca Leopold	Skidmore College
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Sam Reitshamer	University of New Hampshire
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Frank Wang	Tsinghua University
Franklin Wang	University of Wisconsin Madison
Joanne Wang	UMass Amherst
Yitao Wang	
Pierce Warburton	Purdue University
Reed Warburton	Bowdoin College
Alexa Wardwell	College of Charleston
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Brianna Edwards takes flight

Brendan Cantwell
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Integrity First. Service Before Self. Excellence in All We Do. These are the core values of the United States Air Force, values which Lexington High School senior Brianna Edwards will embody as she heads to the United States Air Force Academy after graduating from LHS.

Her military career will begin on June 27, 2019, the first day of Basic Cadet Training at the Academy, which lasts the duration of the summer and instills within students a military bearing, transforming them from civilians to members of the world's largest air force.

The Academy, like any typical college, grants bachelor's degrees after students successfully complete four year programs, but it is unique in that cadets are also commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Air Force upon graduation. During their time at the Academy, cadets receive extensive military training to prepare them for their careers as officers who may eventually be leaders within the Air Force.

Acceptance to the Air Force Academy, as well as the other four federal service academies, is difficult and highly coveted. Candidates must demonstrate academic and physical excellence as well as strong leadership qualities, and receive a nomination from a member of Congress.

Edwards has known for years that attending the Air Force Academy was her ultimate goal.

"Ever since I joined the Civil Air Patrol in 8th grade, I became immersed in a military-like lifestyle. The brotherhood, camaraderie, and passion that I saw throughout this lifestyle and through the people that I met really made me want to think about a career in the military," Edwards said.

At the Academy, Edwards wishes to pursue her passion for aviation, citing that as a primary reason for choosing to attend there, rather than West Point, where she was also accepted.

"If I chose the Air Force Academy I would have the best chance at getting to fly something," Edwards said.

Graduates of the Academy serve where the Air Force most requires them, so getting one's preferred job slot is highly competitive.

The military is not a particularly common destination for LHS graduates. According to the 2017-2018 LHS Profile, only 0.4 percent of the class of 2017 entered the military. Edwards acknowledged that many people do not understand the intricacies of service academies, and observed some misconceptions about the military.

"A lot of people think that by choosing to serve in the military that you are very patriotic, impulsive, maybe even a little less smart, or that you had no other career so you had to go into the military or that you needed 'discipline.' While some people may actually fit within those categories, most people attending the service academies or serving in the military are just normal people from all across the world looking to do good," Edwards said.

To our readers and subscribers,

This is it – the last issue for the 2018-2019 school year!

We would like to thank all of you for your dedication to and support for The Musket. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the wonderful people in the Lexington High School community and working with our staff to produce informative and engaging content.

Next year, the editorial board plans to introduce new series and expand The Musket's online and social media presence. Most excitingly, we are also discussing adding the Oxford comma to The Musket's stylebook!

Best wishes, and have a wonderful summer!
Rebecca and Talia

Our ultimate graduation playlist, 20 songs for saying goodbye to high school!

Party In The U.S.A. by Miley Cyrus
Bye Bye Bye by *NSYNC
We're All in This Together by High School Musical Cast
School's Out by Alice Cooper
Leaving on a Jet Plane by Peter, Paul and Mary
Take on Me by a-ha
Life is a Highway by Rascal Flatts
Don't You (Forget About Me) by Simple Minds
Don't Stop Believin' by Journey
Graduation (Friends Forever) by Vitamin C
Good Riddance (Time of Your Life) by Green Day
(I've Had) The Time Of My Life by Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes
Unwritten by Natasha Bedingfield
See You Again (feat. Charlie Puth) by Wiz Khalifa
Drive It Like You Stole It by Sing Street
I'll Be There for You by The Rembrandts
It's Time by Imagine Dragons
Rivers and Roads by The Head and the Heart
Everybody Wants To Rule The World by Tears For Fears

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